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In re application of:

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Application No.: Unassigned

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For: MEHTOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT TO  
FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE OF  
IDEAS DURING A COLLABORATIVE  
EFFORT

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Art Unit: Unassigned

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 and  
§1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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